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Texas Medical Association
Attn: Linda Villarreal, MD, TMA President
Rick Snyder, MD, FACC, TMA Board of Trustees Chair
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Dear Drs. Villarreal and Snyder,

The Texas Society of Anesthesiologists (TSA) represents over 3,800 physician anesthesiologist members who have long been a supportive and engaged medical specialty within the House of Medicine. The TSA is very supportive of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) filing suit challenging the regulations dictating the implementation of the “No Surprises Act”.

The “No Surprises Act”, as passed by Congress and signed into law was intended to first and foremost, protect patients from surprise medical bills and create a dispute resolution process designed to fairly resolve payment conflicts between insurance companies and physicians. The Act accomplished these goals however, through rulemaking, the responsible federal agencies – the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, and Treasury - have undermined the law and created a lopsided dispute resolution process that favors the insurers by allowing them to drive down in-network contracts to unsustainable rates, or force physicians out of network. This premise is in direct contradiction with the language of the Act and must be rectified.

This week, the executive committee of the TSA recommended to donate 10,000 dollars to the legal efforts of TMA. Please keep us informed on how the proceedings are going and how we can continue to support you in this important fight. We are happy to donate our time as well should you require expert testimony from the anesthesia perspective.

We are committed to supporting you in these efforts and hope this donation will aid in the success this pursuit. Thank you for standing up for the physicians and patients of Texas.

Sincerely,

Crystal Wright, MD
President, TSA